

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the applications:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A fishing rod comprising:

a fishing rod shaft with having a rod shaft~~primary~~ reel seat ~~mounted to the rod shaft~~ and at least one guiding eyelet for guiding a fishing line along the fishing rod shaft;

a hollow cylinder having an outer surface, a longitudinal cavity defined therein, and a cylinder mounting foot protruding outwardly from the outer surface, the cylinder mounting foot being juxtaposed to and releasably engaged with the rod shaft~~primary~~ reel seat for mounting the hollow cylinder to the fishing rod shaft; and

an auxiliary reel and reel seat assembly having a reel mounted thereto ~~an auxiliary reel seat~~ through a reel mounting foot, at least a portion of the auxiliary reel seat being releasably and slidably inserted into the cavity of the hollow cylinder with the reel extending outwardly therefrom.

2. (currently amended) A fishing rod according to claim 1, wherein the hollow cylinder comprises a cylindrical wall with an insertion opening therein, the reel ~~of the reel and reel seat assembly~~ extending outwardly through the insertion opening.
3. (previously amended) A fishing rod according to claim 1, wherein said hollow cylinder is made of plastic or metal.
4. (currently amended) A fishing rod according to claim 2, comprising a resilient means disposed inside said hollow cylinder at a closed end, said resilient means being compressed when the at least one portion of ~~and the~~ auxiliary reel seat is inserted inside

said hollow cylinder.

5. (previously amended) A fishing rod according to claim 4, wherein said resilient means is a coil spring.
6. (currently amended) A fishing rod according to claim 2, wherein the auxiliary reel seat and the reel define a reel and reel seat assembly and the insertion opening has an L-shape with a longitudinal portion and a transversal portion for releasably mounting the reel and reel seat assembly to the hollow cylinder.
7. (previously amended) A fishing rod according to claim 2, wherein said cylinder mounting foot is attached to the cylindrical wall of said hollow cylinder.
8. (cancelled)
9. (currently amended) A fishing rod according to claim 1, wherein said cylinder mounting foot is secured to the ~~rod shaft~~primary reel seat by frictional contact with at least one ring and at least one locking fastener.
10. (currently amended) A fishing rod according to claim 1, wherein the fishing rod shaft has a tip end, a rear end, and a handgrip mounted to the fishing rod shaft between the tip end and the rear end, the ~~rod shaft~~primary reel seat being mounted to the fishing rod shaft, rearwardly of the handgrip.
11. (currently amended) A fishing rod according to claim 1, wherein the hollow cylinder is juxtaposed to the fishing rod shaft.
12. (currently amended) A fishing rod according to claim 1, wherein the auxiliary reel seat is ~~a~~-cylindrical and has an outer surface and the reel mounting foot is removably mounted to the outer surface of the auxiliary reel seat.
13. (currently amended) A fishing rod comprising:

a fishing rod shaft with a ~~rod shaft~~primary reel seat and at least one guiding eyelet~~mounted to the rod shaft~~;

a hollow cylinder having a cylindrical wall defining a longitudinal cavity, an outer surface and an insertion opening, the hollow cylinder having a cylinder mounting foot extending outwardly from the outer surface of the cylindrical wall, the cylinder mounting foot being releasably engaged with the ~~rod shaft primary~~ reel seat for mounting the hollow cylinder to the fishing rod shaft; and

an auxiliary reel seat releasably and slidably inserted into the longitudinal cavity of the hollow cylinder, the auxiliary reel seat having a reel mounted thereto, the reel extending outwardly through the insertion opening, the at least one guiding eyelet guiding a fishing line from the reel along the fishing rod shaft.

14. (previously presented) A fishing rod according to claim 13, comprising a reel mounting foot for mounting the reel to the auxiliary reel seat.

15. (previously presented) A fishing rod according to claim 14, wherein the auxiliary reel seat has a cylindrical shape with an outer surface and the reel mounting foot is removably mounted to the outer surface of the auxiliary reel seat.

16. (New) A fishing rod comprising:

a fishing rod shaft with a rod shaft reel seat mounted to the fishing rod shaft;

a hollow cylinder having an outer surface, a longitudinal cavity defined therein, a cylinder mounting foot protruding outwardly from the outer surface, a cylindrical wall with an insertion opening therein, and a coil spring disposed inside said hollow cylinder at a closed end, the cylinder mounting foot being releasably engaged with the rod shaft reel seat for mounting the hollow cylinder to the fishing rod shaft; and

a reel and reel seat assembly having a reel mounted to an auxiliary reel seat through a reel mounting foot, at least a portion of the auxiliary reel seat being releasably and slidably inserted into the cavity of the hollow cylinder with the reel extending outwardly therefrom through the insertion opening, said coil spring being compressed when the at least one portion of and the auxiliary reel seat is inserted inside said hollow cylinder.